

# THE KALMAN FILTER: OPTIMAL STATE ESTIMATION IN THE PRESENCE OF NOISE — lectures 1 and 2

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# Outline

- Counting statistics with equal  $\sigma_i$  by least squares approach. Minimum variance. Recursive nature.
- Counting statistics with unequal  $\sigma_i$ . Least squares, minimum variance approach. Recursive nature.
- Linear process with measurement noise only – estimating initial vs. current state.
- Random walk with zero measurement noise. Estimating the initial position.
- Random walk, estimating the current position.
- Random walk with measurement noise, estimating the current state.
- Preview of next lecture.

## Counting statistics; sample mean and variance – equal $\sigma_i^2$

$$x_i = x_0 + \xi_i \quad y_i = x_i,$$

$\langle \xi_i \rangle = 0$ ,  $\langle \xi_i \xi_j \rangle = \sigma_i^2 \delta_{ij} = \delta_{ij}$  and gaussian distribution by Bayes' theorem

$$f(x_0(n)|y_1, \dots, y_n) \propto f(y_1, \dots, y_n|x_0(n)) \times \frac{\text{prior}}{\text{normalization}}$$

$$\sim \prod_{i=1}^n e^{-\frac{1}{2\sigma_i^2}[x_i - x_0(n)]^2} = e^{-\sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{2\sigma_i^2}[x_i - x_0(n)]^2}$$

Maximum likelihood

$$\chi^2(n) = -\ln f = \frac{1}{\sigma^2} \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{[x_i - x_0(n)]^2}{2}.$$

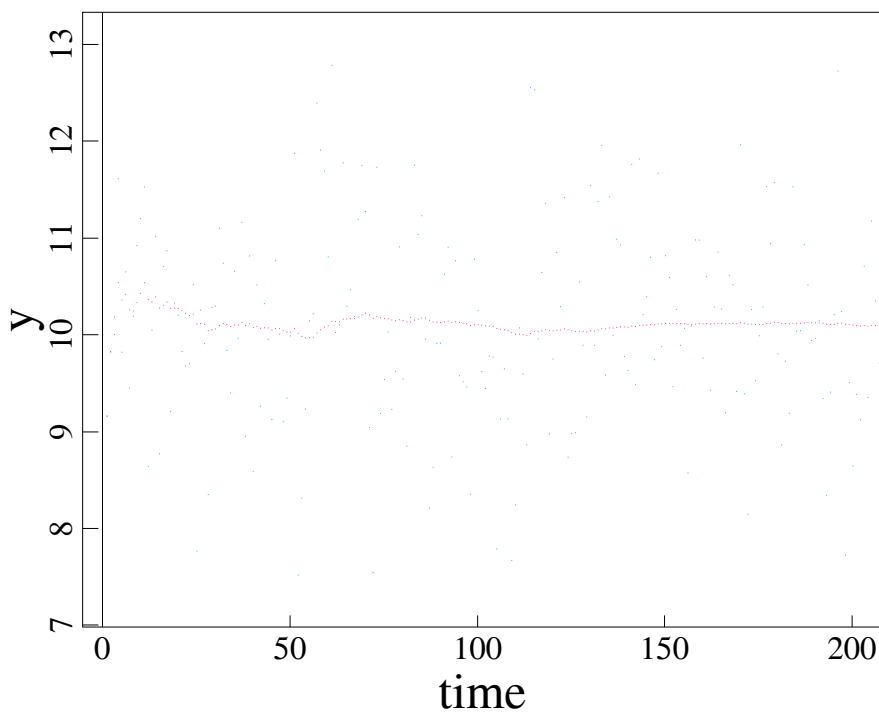
$$\partial \chi^2 / x_0(n) = 0 \Rightarrow \text{state estimate}$$

$$x_0(n) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i,$$

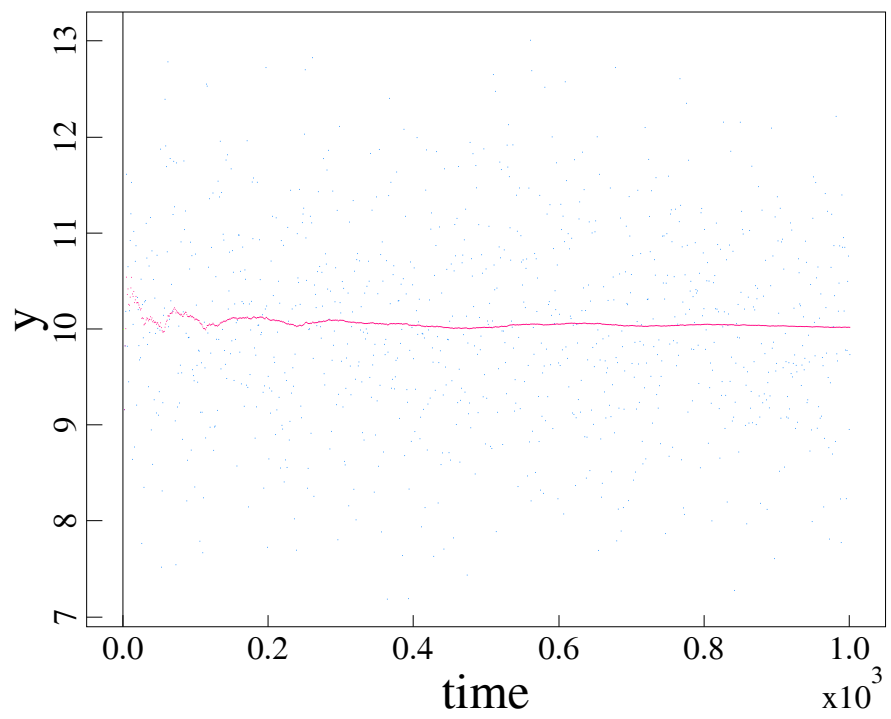
The variance *of the estimate* at this stage is (uncorrelated)

$$V(n) = \sigma^2(n) = \sum_{i=1}^n \sigma_i^2 (\partial x_0(n) / \partial x_i)^2 = \frac{1}{n},$$

y and x0 vs time



y and x0 vs time



## Minimum variance approach

$$x_0(n) = \sum_{i=1}^n \rho_i x_i,$$

with  $\sum_{i=1}^n \rho_i = 1, \sigma^2 = 1$

$$V(n) = \sum_{i=1}^n \rho_i^2 \quad V^*(n) = \sum_{i=1}^n \rho_i^2 - \lambda \sum_{i=1}^n \rho_i$$

$$\partial V(n)/\partial \rho_k = 0 \Rightarrow$$

$$\rho_k = \frac{\lambda}{2},$$

or  $\rho_k = 1/n$  for all  $k$  –  $x_0(n) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i \quad V(n) = 1/n$

## Recursive Kalman filter form

$$(n+1)x_0(n+1) = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i + x_{n+1}$$

$$x_0(n+1) = \frac{n}{n+1}x_0(n) + \frac{1}{n+1}x_{n+1}$$

or

$$x_0(n+1) = x_0(n) + K_n[x_{n+1} - x_0(n)],$$

*Kalman gain*  $K_n$

$$K_n = \frac{1}{n+1}.$$

$$\frac{1}{K_n} = \frac{1}{K_{n-1}} + 1 \quad \text{or} \quad K_n = \frac{K_{n-1}}{1 + K_{n-1}}$$

$$K_n = V(n+1),$$

## Counting statistics for unequal $\sigma_i^2$

Uncorrelated but different confidence:  $\langle \xi_i \xi_j \rangle = \sigma_i^2 \delta_{ij}$

$$\chi^2 = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{[x_i - x_0(n)]^2}{2\sigma_i^2}$$

$$\partial W / \partial x_0(n) = 0 \quad \Rightarrow$$

$$x_0(n) = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i / \sigma_i^2}{\sum_{i=1}^n 1 / \sigma_i^2}.$$

Example:  $(x_1, x_2, x_3), x_4$

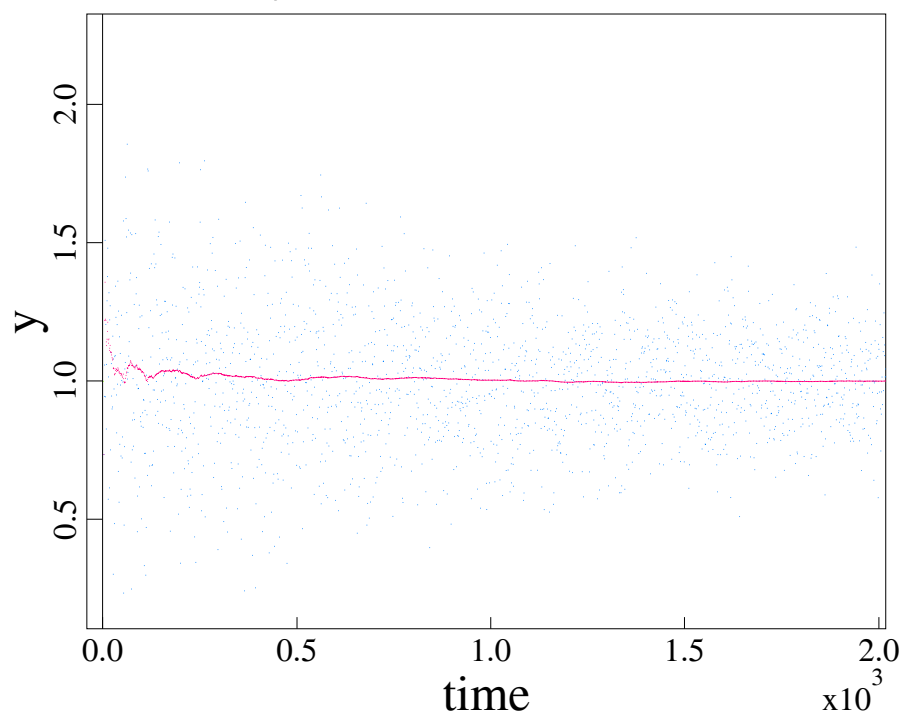
Take  $z_1 = (x_1 + x_2 + x_3)/3$ ,  $z_2 = x_4$ .  $\sigma_1^2 = 1/3$ ,  $\sigma_2^2 = 1$

$$\text{Then } x_0(4) = (z_1 / \sigma_1^2 + z_2 / \sigma_2^2) / (1 / \sigma_1^2 + 1 / \sigma_2^2)$$

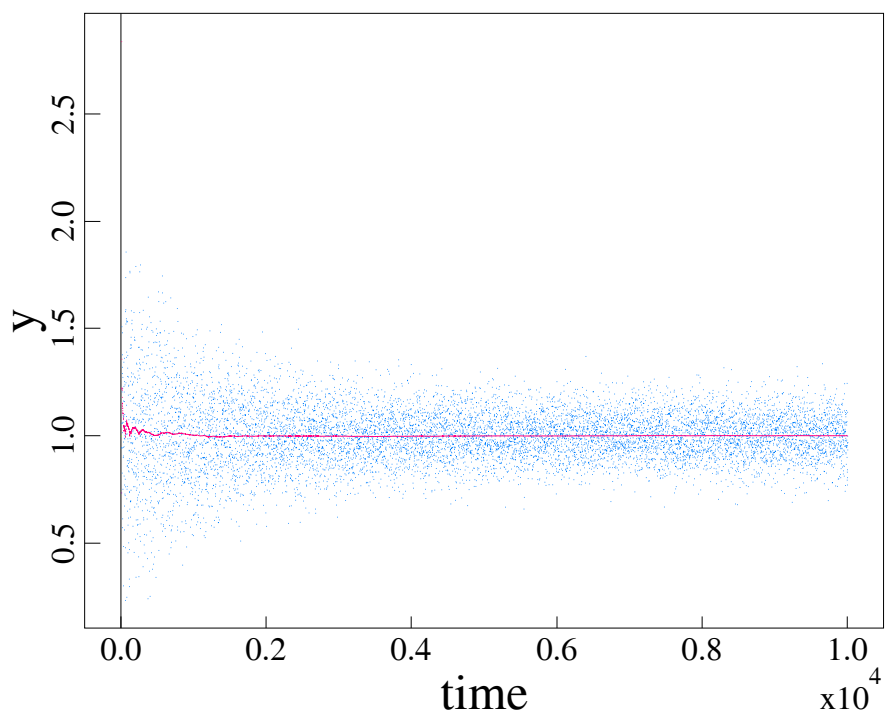
$$= (x_1 + x_2 + x_3 + x_4) / 4$$



y and x0 vs time



y and x0 vs time



$$V(n) = \frac{1}{\sum_{i=1}^n 1/\sigma_i^2},$$

Again, take

$$x_0(n) = \sum_{i=1}^n \rho_i x_i,$$

with  $\sum_{i=1}^n \rho_i = 1$

$$V^*(n) = \sum_{i=1}^n \sigma_i^2 \rho_i^2 - \lambda \sum_{i=1}^n \rho_i$$

$$\rho_k = \frac{\lambda}{2\sigma_k^2} = \frac{1/\sigma_k^2}{\sum_i 1/\sigma_i^2}.$$

Same.

## Recursive Kalman filter form for unequal $\sigma_i^2$

$$x_0(n+1) = x_0(n) + K_n[x_{n+1} - x_0(n)]$$

with

$$K_n = \frac{1}{\sigma_{n+1}^2 \left( \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{\sigma_i^2} + \frac{1}{\sigma_{n+1}^2} \right)} = \frac{1}{\sigma_{n+1}^2 \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{\sigma_i^2} + 1}.$$

$$K_n = V(n+1)/\sigma_{n+1}^2, \text{ and}$$

$$\frac{1}{K_n} = \left( \frac{\sigma_{n+1}^2}{\sigma_n^2} \right) \frac{1}{K_{n-1}} + 1 \quad \text{or} \quad K_n = \frac{K_{n-1}}{K_{n-1} + \sigma_{n+1}^2/\sigma_n^2},$$

The recursion in terms of the variance

$$\frac{1}{V(n+1)} = \frac{1}{V(n)} + \frac{1}{\sigma_{n+1}^2}.$$

with  $K_n = V(n+1)/\sigma_{n+1}^2$   $K_n$  tends to decrease with  $n$  (more data)

If  $\sigma_{n+1}^2 < \sigma_n^2$ , then  $K_n$  will be larger than if  $\sigma_{n+1}^2 > \sigma_n^2$

# One dimensional example of **estimating the initial state and the current state**

Simple stochastic system with measurement noise

$$x_{k+1} = \gamma x_k,$$

$$y_k = x_k + \eta_k.$$

$$\langle \eta_k \eta_l \rangle = \delta_{kl}$$

$$\chi^2 = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{k=1}^n (\gamma^k x_0 - y_k)^2,$$

$\partial \chi^2 / \partial x_0 = 0$  gives

$$x_0(n) = \frac{\sum_{k=1}^n \gamma^k y_k}{\sum_{k=1}^n \gamma^{2k}}.$$

$\gamma > 1$ ...weighted toward recent results,  $\gamma < 1$ ... weighted toward initial results. Recursive form

$$x_0(n+1) = x_0(n) + \frac{\gamma^{n+1}}{\sum_{k=1}^n \gamma^{2k} + \gamma^{2n+2}} (y_{n+1} - \gamma^{n+1} x_0(n)).$$

An estimate of  $x_n$  rather than  $x_0$ .

$$\chi^2 = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{k=1}^n (\gamma^{k-n} x_n - y_k)^2,$$

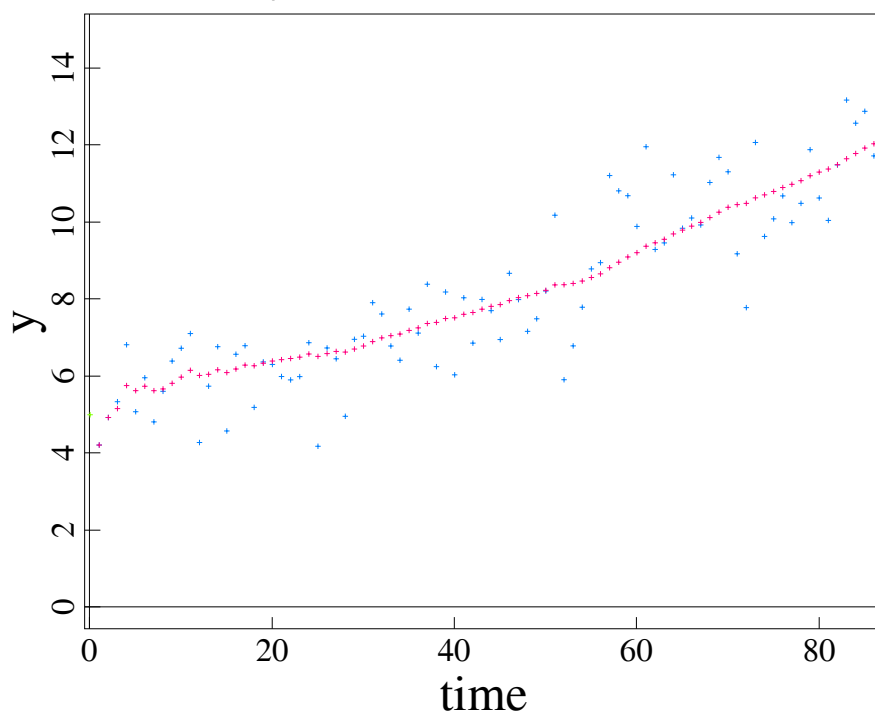
$$x_n(n) = \frac{\sum_{k=1}^n \gamma^{k-n} y_k}{\sum_{k=1}^n \gamma^{2k-2n}} = \gamma^n x_0(n),$$

Exactly what you might guess. Recursive form:

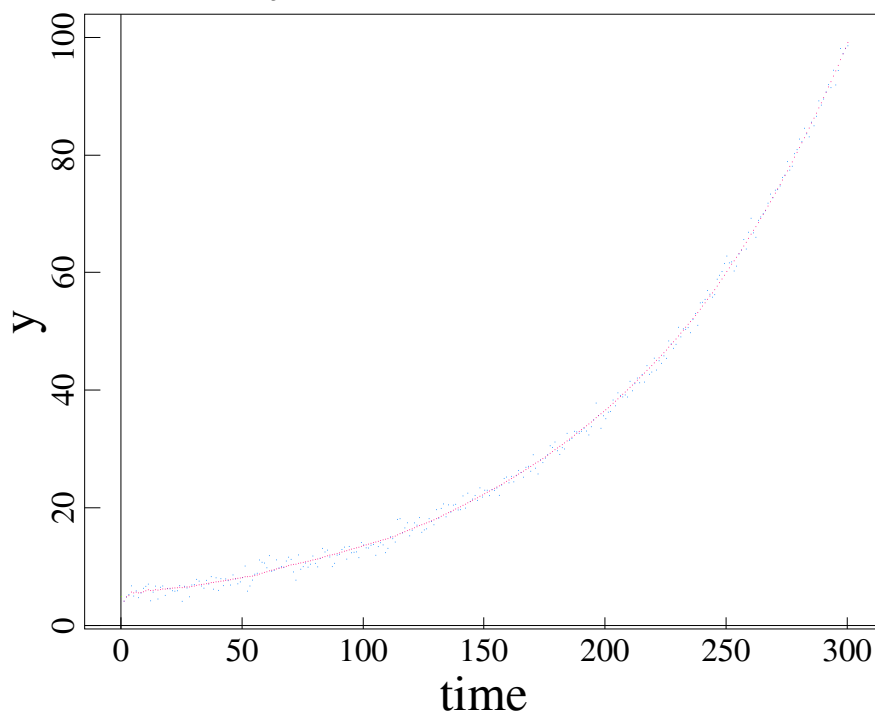
$$x_{n+1}(n+1) = \gamma x_n(n) + \frac{1}{\sum_{k=1}^n \gamma^{2k-2n-2} + 1} (y_{n+1} - \gamma x_n(n)).$$

Notice  $K_n^{x_n(n)} = \gamma^{n+1} K_n^{x_0(n)}$ .

y and x0 vs time



y and x0 vs time



## Random walk with zero measurement error – estimating the *initial* position

Counting statistics, with only measurement noise, is:

$$x_{k+1} = x_k,$$

$$y_k = x_k + \eta_k$$

Random walk problem (Wiener process, Brownian motion), with only dynamical noise:

$$x_{k+1} = x_k + \xi_k,$$

$$y_k = x_k.$$

$\langle \xi_k \rangle = 0$ ,  $\langle \xi_k \xi_l \rangle = \sigma_0^2 \delta_{kl}$ . To estimate the initial position. Ship wrecks at  $x_0$  – to find the ship.

$$y_k = x_0 + \sum_{i=0}^{k-1} \xi_i = x_0 + \zeta_k.$$

$\zeta_k$  has  $\langle \zeta_k \rangle = 0$

And  $n \times n$  covariance matrix

$$C_{kl} = \langle \zeta_k \zeta_l \rangle = C_{kl} = \langle \zeta_k \zeta_l \rangle \\ = \sum_{i=0}^k \sum_{j=0}^l \langle \xi_i \xi_j \rangle = \sigma_0^2 \min(k, l),$$

i.e.

$$\mathbf{C} = \sigma_0^2 \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & \cdots & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 2 & 2 & \cdots & 2 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 & 3 & \cdots & 3 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & \cdots & 4 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \cdots & \vdots \\ 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & \cdots & n \end{bmatrix}.$$

Least squares in terms of the inverse of the covariance matrix  
 $\mathbf{D} = \mathbf{C}^{-1}$

$$\chi^2 = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{k=1}^n \sum_{l=1}^n \zeta_k D_{kl} \zeta_l = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{k=1}^n \sum_{l=1}^n (y_k - x_0) D_{kl} (y_l - x_0).$$



$$\partial\chi^2/\partial x_0 = 0 \quad \Rightarrow$$

$$x_0(n) = \frac{\sum_{k=1}^n \sum_{l=1}^n D_{kl} y_l}{\sum_{k=1}^n \sum_{l=1}^n D_{kl}},$$

$$D = \sigma_0^{-2} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 & 0 & 0 & \dots \\ -1 & 2 & -1 & 0 & \dots \\ 0 & -1 & 2 & -1 & \dots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

In the estimate, the value of  $\sigma_0^2$  cancels.

$$\sum_{kl} D_{kl} = 1, \quad \sum_{kl} D_{kl} y_l = y_1 \quad x_0(n) = y_1$$

$$V(n) = \sum_{ij} \frac{\partial x_0(n)}{\partial y_i} C_{ij} \frac{\partial x_0(n)}{\partial y_j} = C_{11} = 1.$$

Recursive  $x_0(n+1) = x_0(n) + K_n[y_{n+1} - x_0(n)]$  with  $K_n = 0$ .

Try minimum variance again

$$x_0(n) = \sum_{i=1}^n \rho_i y_i$$

$$V^*(n) = \sum_{ij} C_{ij} \rho_i \rho_j - \lambda \sum_i \rho_i;$$

$$\partial V(n) / \partial \rho_k = 0 \Rightarrow$$

$$\sum_j C_{kj} \rho_j = \lambda/2$$

$$\rho_i = \frac{\lambda}{2} \sum_j D_{ij} \text{ or } \begin{pmatrix} \rho_1 \\ \rho_2 \\ \vdots \\ \rho_n \end{pmatrix} = \frac{\lambda}{2} \mathbf{D} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ \vdots \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

$$\frac{\lambda}{2} = \frac{1}{\sum_{ij} D_{ij}}; \quad \rho_i = \frac{\sum_j D_{ij}}{\sum_{ij} D_{ij}}.$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} \rho_1 \\ \rho_2 \\ \vdots \\ \rho_n \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{pmatrix},$$

$$x_0(n) = y_1$$

$V(n) = \sum_{ij} C_{ij} \rho_i \rho_j = C_{11} = 1$ . A third approach – next lecture.

## Random walk with zero measurement noise – estimating the *current* position

$$x_{k+1} = x_k + \xi_k,$$

$$y_k = x_k.$$

Ship wrecks at  $x_0$ , but we wish to find the position of the *survivor*.

$$y_k = x_n - \sum_{i=k}^{n-1} \xi_i = x_n(n) - \zeta_k,$$

$$\langle \xi_i \rangle = 0, \quad \langle \xi_i \xi_j \rangle = \sigma_0^2 \delta_{ij} \quad \zeta_k^{new} = \zeta_n^{old} - \zeta_k^{old}.$$

$$\chi^2 = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} \sum_{l=1}^{n-1} \zeta_k D_{kl} \zeta_l = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} \sum_{l=1}^{n-1} (x_n - y_k) D_{kl} (x_n - y_l).$$

$$\begin{aligned}
C_{kl} &= \langle \zeta_k \zeta_l \rangle = \sum_{i=k}^{n-1} \sum_{j=l}^{n-1} \langle \xi_i \xi_j \rangle \\
&= \sigma_0^2 \sum_{i=k}^{n-1} \sum_{j=l}^{n-1} \delta_{ij} = \sigma_0^2 [n - \max(k, l)], \\
\mathbf{C} &= \sigma_0^2 \begin{bmatrix} n-1 & n-2 & n-3 & \cdots & 1 \\ n-2 & n-2 & n-3 & \cdots & 1 \\ n-3 & n-3 & n-3 & \cdots & 1 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & \cdots & 1 \end{bmatrix}. \\
\mathbf{D} &= \sigma_0^{-2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 0 & 0 & \cdots \\ -1 & 2 & -1 & 0 & \cdots \\ 0 & -1 & 2 & -1 & \cdots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix},
\end{aligned}$$

$$x_n(n) = y_{n-1},$$

$$V(n) = 1.$$

Recursive  $x_0(n+1) = x_0(n) + K_n[y_n - x_0(n)]$  with  $K_n = 1$  now.

# Random walk with measurement noise – estimating the current position

Estimating the current position of the shipwreck survivor

$$x_{k+1} = x_k + \xi_k,$$

$$y_k = x_k + \eta_k.$$

Solve for  $y_k$  in terms of  $x_n$ :

$$y_k = x_n - \sum_{i=k}^{n-1} \xi_i + \eta_k = x_n - \zeta_k + \eta_k.$$

$$\chi^2 = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{k=1}^n \sum_{l=1}^n (x_n - y_k) D_{kl} (x_n - y_l),$$

$D = C^{-1}$ , with  $C_{kl} = \langle (-\zeta_k + \eta_k)(-\zeta_l + \eta_l) \rangle$ . Again using  $\langle \xi_k \xi_l \rangle = \sigma_0^2 \delta_{kl}$ ,  $\langle \eta_k \eta_l \rangle = \sigma_1^2 \delta_{kl}$ ,  $\langle \zeta_k \eta_l \rangle = 0$  we have, for  $k = 1, \dots, m$

$$C_{kl}^{(n)} = \sigma_0^2[n - \max(k, l)] + \sigma_1^2\delta_{kl},$$

or

$$\mathbf{C}^{(n)} = \sigma_0^2 \begin{bmatrix} n-1 & n-2 & n-3 & \cdots & 0 \\ n-2 & n-2 & n-3 & \cdots & 0 \\ n-3 & n-3 & n-3 & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$+ \sigma_1^2 \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \sigma_0^2 \mathbf{C}^{(0,n)} + \sigma_1^2 \mathbf{C}^{(1,n)} = \mathbf{C}^{(n)}.$$

# NEXT LECTURE

- Probabilistic (Bayesian) approach
- Application to higher dimension, with dynamical and measurement noise
- Application to control theory
- Application to nonlinear problems – the extended Kalman filter

# Outline - Second Lecture

- Review of previous lecture
- Estimation of  $M$  correlated variables. Alternate method based on the trace of the covariance matrix.
- Alternate method for the random walk with zero measurement noise. Estimating the initial or current position
- Probabilistic (Bayesian) approach
- Alternate method, for random walk with measurement noise added
- Higher dimensional stochastic process with measurement noise
- Application to control theory – the separation theorem
- Nonlinear stochastic systems – the Extended Kalman Filter



# REVIEW: ESTIMATING A SCALAR VARIABLE

Measurement of a scalar – measurement noise but no dynamical noise

$$\chi^2 = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{[x_i - x_0(n)]^2}{2\sigma_i^2}$$

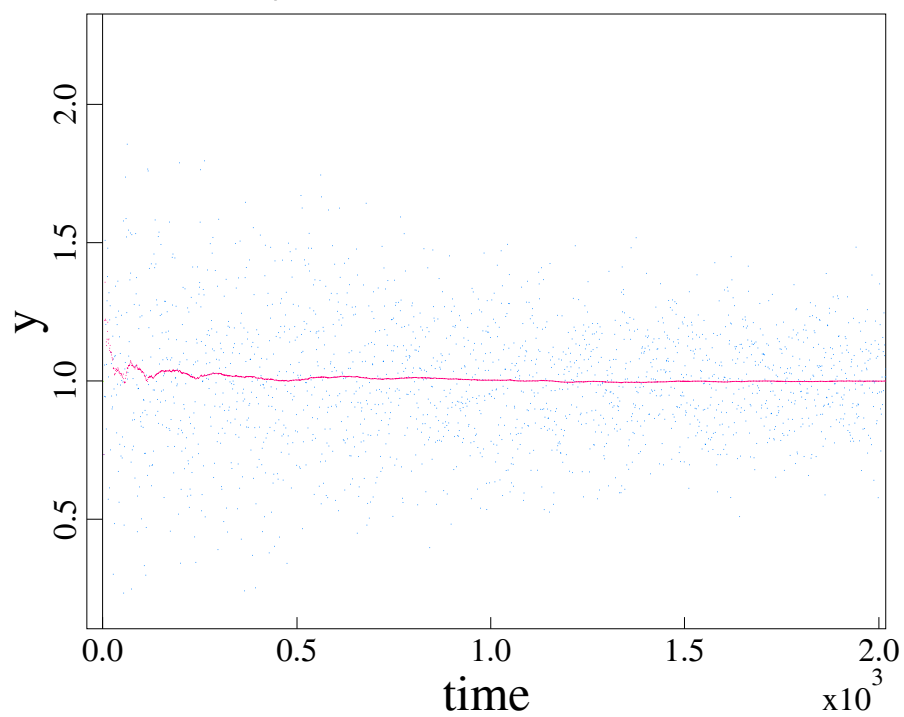
$$x_0(n) = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i / \sigma_i^2}{\sum_{i=1}^n 1 / \sigma_i^2}$$

Minimum variance form  $x_0(n) = \sum_{i=1}^n \rho_i x_i$ , with

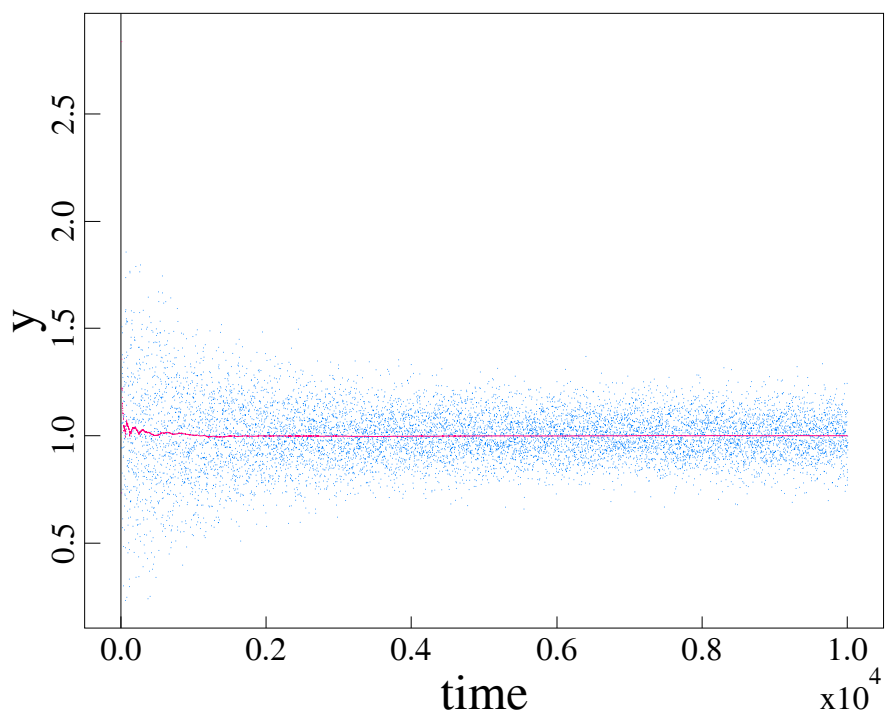
$$V^*(n) = \sum_{i=1}^n \sigma_i^2 \rho_i^2 - \lambda \sum_{i=1}^n \rho_i$$

Recursive form:  $x_0(n+1) = x_0(n) + K_n[x_{n+1} - x_0(n)]$   
Innovation, Kalman gain (matrix)

y and x0 vs time



y and x0 vs time



# ESTIMATION OF A CORRELATED HIGHER DIMENSIONAL VARIABLE

$$\mathbf{x}^i = \mathbf{x}_0 + \vec{\xi}^i$$

with  $\langle \vec{\xi}^i \rangle = 0$   $\langle \xi_k^i \xi_l^j \rangle = \delta_{ij} C_{kl}^i$ .

$$\begin{aligned}\chi^2 &= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n (\vec{\xi}^i, \mathbf{D}^i \vec{\xi}^i) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n ((\mathbf{x}^i - \mathbf{x}_0), \mathbf{D}^i (\mathbf{x}^i - \mathbf{x}_0))\end{aligned}$$

where  $\mathbf{D}^i = (\mathbf{C}^i)^{-1}$ .

$$\mathbf{x}_0 = \left( \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbf{D}^i \right)^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbf{D}^i \mathbf{x}^i \quad (1)$$

Note: this gives sample mean if all  $\mathbf{D}_i$  are equal.

Also, if  $\mathbf{D}_i$  are diagonal, this gives the weighted sample mean.

# MINIMUM VARIANCE ALTERNATIVE – TRACE OF THE COVARIANCE MATRIX

$$\mathbf{x}_0(n) = \sum_{i=1}^n A^i \mathbf{x}^i \quad \sum_{i=1}^n A^i = I$$

$C(\vec{x}_0)_{kl} = \langle \delta x_{0,k} \delta x_{0,l} \rangle$ . Its *trace* is

$$T = \langle \sum_k \delta x_{0,k} \delta x_{0,k} \rangle = \langle |\delta \mathbf{x}_0|^2 \rangle$$

$$T = \sum_{ijkmn} A_{km}^i A_{kn}^j \langle \xi_m^i \xi_n^j \rangle = \sum_{ikmn} A_{km}^i A_{kn}^i C_{mn}^i$$

$$T = \text{trace} \sum_i \left( A C A^T \right)^i. \text{ Minimize } T$$

$$T^* = \sum_{ikmn} A_{km}^i A_{kn}^i C_{mn}^i - \sum_{mn} \lambda_{mn} \left( \sum_i A_{mn}^i - \delta_{mn} \right)$$

Differentiating with respect to  $A_{ab}^i$   $\partial T^*/\partial A_{ab}^i = 0$

$$2A_{an}^i C_{nb}^i = \lambda_{ab} \quad A = \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{L} \mathbf{D} \quad \mathbf{L} = 2 \left( \sum_i D^i \right)^{-1}$$

$$A^i = \left( \sum_i D^i \right)^{-1} D^i$$

same as before

$$\mathbf{x}_0 = \left( \sum_{i=1}^n D^i \right)^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^n D^i \mathbf{x}^i \quad (2)$$

## Random walk, estimating the current state – another alternate

Recall  $y_k = x_n - \sum_{i=k}^{n-1} \xi_i = x_n - \zeta_k \dots$

$$\chi^2 = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} \sum_{l=1}^{n-1} (x_n - y_k) D_{kl} (x_n - y_l) \quad (3)$$

$$C = \sigma_0^2 \begin{bmatrix} n-1 & n-2 & n-3 & \dots & 1 \\ n-2 & n-2 & n-3 & \dots & 1 \\ n-3 & n-3 & n-3 & \dots & 1 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & \dots & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad (4)$$

Alternatively,

$$\chi^2 = \frac{1}{2\sigma_0^2} \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} \xi_i^2$$

$$= \frac{1}{2\sigma_0^2} [(y_2 - y_1)^2 + \dots + (y_{n-1} - y_{n-2})^2 + (\textcolor{red}{x}_n - y_{n-1})^2]$$

Obviously gives  $x_n(n) = y_{n-1}$ .  $(\xi_0, \dots, \xi_{n-1}) \rightarrow (\zeta_0, \dots, \zeta_{n-1})$  – change of variable.

# PROBABILISTIC (BAYESIAN) APPROACH – counting statistics

Bayes'

$$f(x_0|y_1) \propto f(y_1|x_0) \propto e^{-\frac{(y_1-x_0)^2}{2\sigma_1^2}}$$

$$f(x_0|y_1, y_2) \propto f(y_2|x_0, y_1) f(x_0|y_1) \\ f(y_2|x_0, y_1) = f(y_2|x_0)$$

$$f(x_0|y_1) \propto f(y_2|x_0) f(y_1|x_0)$$

Similarly  $f(x_0|y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n) \propto f(y_n|x_0) \cdots f(y_2|x_0) f(y_1|x_0)$

$$\propto e^{-\frac{(y_n-x_0)^2}{2\sigma_n^2}} \cdots e^{-\frac{(y_2-x_0)^2}{2\sigma_2^2}} e^{-\frac{(y_1-x_0)^2}{2\sigma_1^2}}$$

Likelihood  $\chi^2 = -\ln f \propto \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{(y_k-x_0)^2}{2\sigma_k^2} \dots$  SAME

# RANDOM WALK

$$f(x_0|y_1) \propto f(y_1|x_0) \propto e^{-\frac{(y_1-x_0)^2}{2\sigma_1^2}}$$

$$f(x_0|y_1, y_2) \propto f(y_2|x_0, y_1)f(x_0|y_1)$$

$$\propto f(y_2|y_1)f(x_0|y_1) \text{ (Markov)} \propto f(y_2|y_1)f(y_1|x_0)$$

$$f(x_0|y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n) \propto f(y_n|y_{n-1}) \cdots f(y_2|y_1)f(x_0|y_1)$$

$$f \propto e^{-\frac{(y_n-y_{n-1})^2}{2\sigma_{n-1}^2}} \cdots e^{-\frac{(y_2-y_1)^2}{2\sigma_1^2}} e^{-\frac{(y_1-x_0)^2}{2\sigma_0^2}}$$

$$\chi^2 = -\ln f \propto \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} \frac{(y_{k+1} - y_k)^2}{2\sigma_k^2} + \frac{(y_1 - x_0)^2}{2\sigma_0^2}$$



## Random walk with measurement noise added – alternate approach

$$x_{k+1} = x_k + \xi_k,$$

$$y_k = x_k + \eta_k.$$

Then  $y_{k+1} - y_k = \xi_k + \eta_{k+1} - \eta_k$  and

$$\chi^2 = \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} \sum_{l=1}^{n-1} (y_{k+1} - y_k) D_{kl} (y_{l+1} - y_l) \quad y_n \rightarrow x_n(n)$$

with  $C_{kl} = \langle (\xi_k + \eta_{k+1} - \eta_k)(\xi_l + \eta_{l+1} - \eta_l) \rangle$  tridiagonal  
 $C =$

$$\sigma_\eta^2 \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ -1 & 2 & -1 & 0 & \cdots \\ 0 & -1 & 2 & 1 & \cdots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots \\ \cdots & 0 & 0 & -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} + \sigma_{\xi^2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Minimize with respect to  $x_n(n)$ :

$$(\mathbf{x}_n(n) - y_{n-1}) D_{n-1,n-1} + \sum_{k=1}^{n-2} D_{n-1,k} (y_{k+1} - y_k) = 0$$

Limit 1: no measurement noise  $\sigma_\eta^2 = 0 \dots \mathbf{C} = \sigma_\xi^2 \mathbf{I}$

or  $\mathbf{D} = \sigma_\xi^{-2} \mathbf{I} \dots \mathbf{x}_n(\mathbf{n}) = y_{n-1}$

Limit 2: no dynamical noise  $\sigma_\eta^2 = 0 \dots$

$$\mathbf{C} = \sigma_\eta^2 \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ -1 & 2 & -1 & 0 & \dots \\ 0 & -1 & 2 & 1 & \dots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots \\ \dots & 0 & 0 & -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

gives sample mean

$$x_n(n) = \frac{1}{n-1} \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} y_k$$

## Recall one dimensional system with measurement noise

Recall 1D system with measurement noise  $\langle \eta_k \eta_l \rangle = \delta_{kl}$

$$x_{k+1} = \gamma x_k,$$

$$y_k = x_k + \eta_k.$$

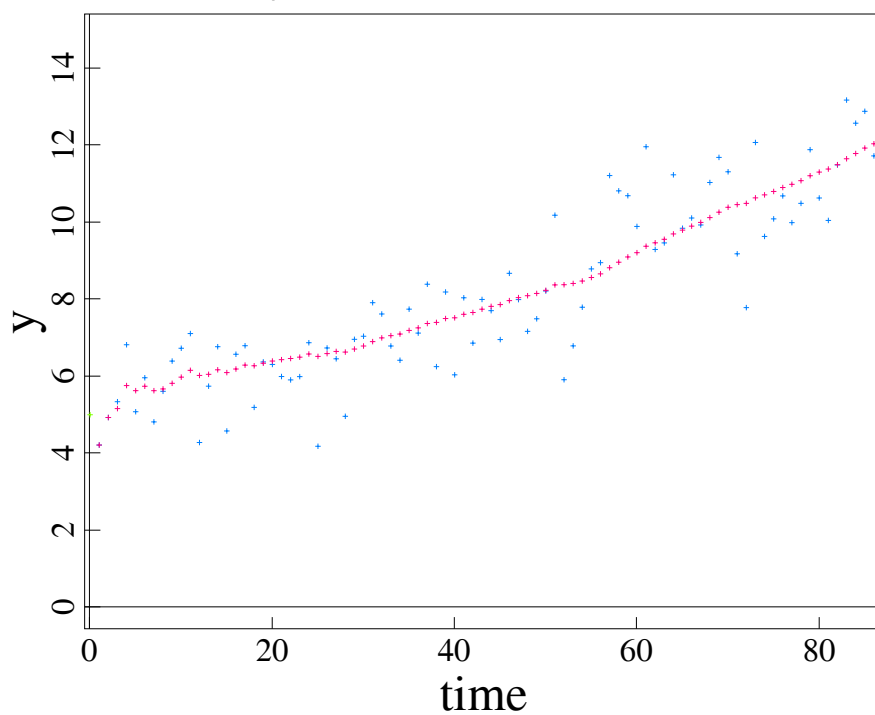
$$x_0(n+1) = x_0(n) + \frac{\gamma^{n+1}}{\sum_{k=1}^n \gamma^{2k} + \gamma^{2n+2}} (y_{n+1} - \gamma^{n+1} x_0(n)).$$

$$x_{n+1}(n+1) = \gamma x_n(n) + \frac{1}{\sum_{k=1}^n \gamma^{2k-2n-2} + 1} (y_{n+1} - \gamma x_n(n)).$$

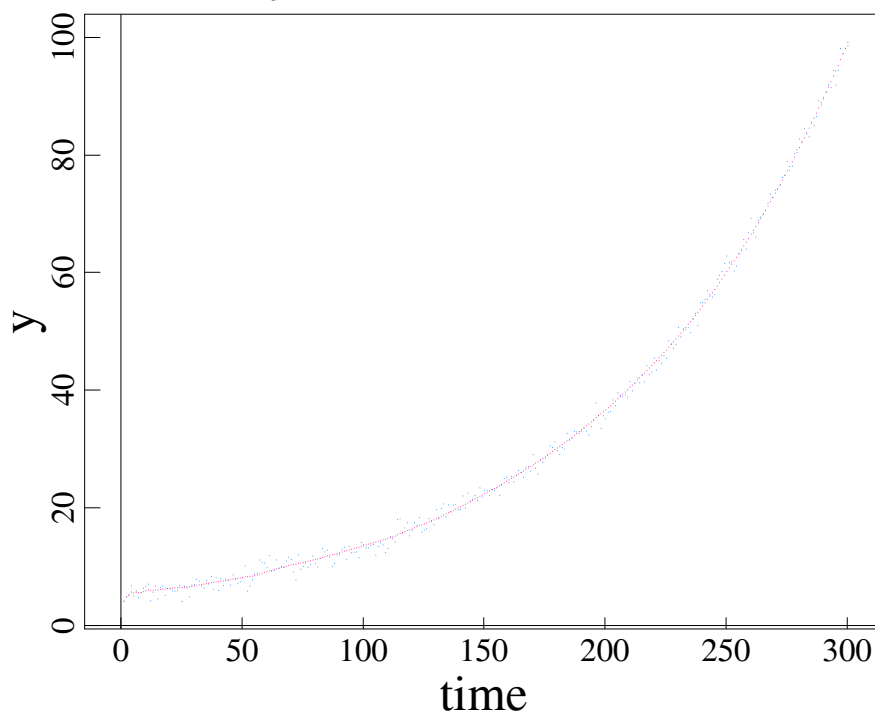
Estimates  $x_0(n)$  and  $x_n(n) = \gamma^n x_0(n) \dots K_n^{x_n(n)} = \gamma^{n+1} K_n^{x_0(n)}.$

Also,  $V(x_0) = \frac{1}{\sum_{k=1}^n \gamma^{2k}} \quad V(x_n) = \frac{\gamma^{2n}}{\sum_{k=1}^n \gamma^{2k}} = \gamma^{2n} V(x_0(n)) \dots$  Recursive

y and x0 vs time



y and x0 vs time



## Higher dimensional system with measurement noise - est. for $\mathbf{x}_0(n)$

$$\mathbf{x}_{k+1} = \mathbf{A}_k \mathbf{x}_k \quad (5)$$

with measurement  $\langle \eta_k^i \eta_l^j \rangle = \delta_{ij} \delta_{kl}$

$$\mathbf{y}_k = \mathbf{M}_k \mathbf{x}_k + \vec{\eta}_k. \quad (6)$$

$$\mathbf{x}_k = \mathbf{U}_{k,0} \mathbf{x}_0 = \mathbf{A}_{k-1} \mathbf{A}_{k-2} \dots \mathbf{A}_0 \mathbf{x}_0$$

$$\chi^2 = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{k=1}^n \|\vec{\eta}_k\|^2 = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{k=1}^n \|\mathbf{M}_k \mathbf{U}_{k,0} \mathbf{x}_0 - \mathbf{y}_k\|^2, \quad (7)$$

$$\mathbf{x}_0(n) = \left[ \sum_{k=1}^n \mathbf{N}_{k,0}^T \mathbf{N}_{k,0} \right]^{-1} \sum_{k=1}^n \mathbf{N}_{k,0}^T \mathbf{y}_k \quad \mathbf{N}_{k,0} \equiv \mathbf{M}_k \mathbf{U}_{k,0}. \quad (8)$$

$$\mathbf{x}_0(n+1) = \mathbf{x}_0(n) + \mathbf{K}_n [\mathbf{y}_{n+1} - \mathbf{M}_{n+1} \mathbf{U}_{n+1,0} \mathbf{x}_0(n)] \quad (9)$$

$$\mathbf{P}_{n+1}^{-1} = \mathbf{P}_n^{-1} + \mathbf{N}_{n+1,0}^T \mathbf{N}_{n+1,0}$$

$$\mathbf{K}_n = \mathbf{P}_{n+1} \mathbf{N}_{n+1,0}^T \quad \mathbf{C}(x_0(n)) = \mathbf{P}_n$$

$\mathbf{x}_0(n)$  propagated  $n \rightarrow n+1$  by  $\mathbf{U}_{n+1,0}$

Measurement applied  $\mathbf{M}_{n+1} \mathbf{U}_{n+1,0} \mathbf{x}_0(n)$  is best guess for  $\mathbf{y}_{n+1}$  before measurement

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$$\chi^2 = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{k=1}^n \eta_k^2 = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{k=1}^n \|\mathbf{M}_k \mathbf{U}_{k,n} \mathbf{x}_n - \mathbf{y}_k\|^2$$

$$\mathbf{x}_n(n) = \left[ \sum_{k=1}^n \mathbf{U}_{0,n}^T \mathbf{N}_{k,n}^T \mathbf{N}_{k,n} \mathbf{U}_{0,n} \right]^{-1} \sum_{k=1}^n \mathbf{U}_{0,n}^T \mathbf{N}_{k,n}^T \mathbf{y}_k, \quad (10)$$

or

$$\mathbf{x}_n(n) = \mathbf{U}_{n,0} \mathbf{x}_0(n) \quad \tilde{\mathbf{K}}_n = \mathbf{U}_{n+1,0} \mathbf{K}_n$$

$$\mathbf{x}_{n+1}(n+1) = \mathbf{A}_n \mathbf{x}_n(n) + \tilde{\mathbf{K}}_n [\mathbf{y}_{n+1} - \mathbf{M}_{n+1} \mathbf{A}_n \mathbf{x}_n(n)], \quad (11)$$

$\mathbf{x}_n(n)$  is advanced in time  $\mathbf{x}_n(n) \rightarrow \mathbf{A}_n \mathbf{x}_n(n)$  and the measurement operation  $\mathbf{M}_{n+1}$  is done. This is the best guess for  $\mathbf{y}_{n+1}$  before  $\mathbf{y}_{n+1}$  is measured

## Continuous time advance, discrete time measurement formulation

$$\frac{d\mathbf{x}}{dt} = \mathbf{A}(t)\mathbf{x} + \vec{\xi}(t) \quad < \xi_i \xi_j > = \mathbf{C}_0$$

$$\mathbf{y}_k = \mathbf{M}\mathbf{x}_k + \vec{\eta}_k \quad < \eta_i \eta_j > = \mathbf{C}_1$$

1. Time advance of estimate and covariance between measurements

$$\frac{d\hat{\mathbf{x}}}{dt} = \mathbf{A}(t)\hat{\mathbf{x}} \quad \frac{d\mathbf{C}}{dt} = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{C} + \mathbf{C}\mathbf{A}^T + \mathbf{C}_0$$

2. Adjust estimate and covariance at new measurement

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{K}_k &= \mathbf{C}^{(-)}(t_k) \mathbf{M}^T [\mathbf{M} \mathbf{C}^{(-)}(t_k) \mathbf{M}^T + \mathbf{C}_1]^{-1} \\ \mathbf{C}(t_k) &= [\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{K}_k \mathbf{M}] \mathbf{C}^{(-)}(t_k) \\ \hat{\mathbf{x}}_k &= \hat{\mathbf{x}}_k^{(-)} + \mathbf{K}_k (\mathbf{y}_k - \mathbf{M} \hat{\mathbf{x}}_k^{(-)}) \end{aligned}$$

$\hat{\mathbf{x}}_k^{(-)}$  is the best guess for  $\mathbf{y}_k$  at  $t_k$  before its measurement;  
 $\mathbf{C}^{(-)}(t_k)$  is the covariance matrix at  $t_k$  before measurement of  $\mathbf{y}_k$ .



## Application to control theory – separation theorem

$$\mathbf{x}_{k+1} = \mathbf{A}_k \mathbf{x}_k + \vec{\xi}_k + \mathbf{u}_k \quad (12)$$

$$\mathbf{y}_k = \mathbf{M}_k \mathbf{x}_k + \vec{\eta}_k. \quad (13)$$

Continuum model...

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d\mathbf{x}}{dt} &= \mathbf{A}(t)\mathbf{x} + \vec{\xi}(t) + \mathbf{u}(t) \\ \mathbf{y}(t) &= \mathbf{x}(t) = \mathbf{M}(t)\mathbf{x}(t) + \vec{\eta}(t) \text{ special case} \end{aligned}$$

Optimal control  $\Rightarrow$  minimizing for example

$$J = \int_0^T \{(\mathbf{x}(t), \mathbf{Q}(t)\mathbf{x}(t)) + (\mathbf{u}(t), \mathbf{R}(t)\mathbf{u}(t))\} dt$$

Minimizing  $J$  determines  $\mathbf{u}[\mathbf{x}]$  optimally for  $\vec{\xi}(t) = 0$ . Degree of control vs. cost.

For  $\vec{\xi}(t) \neq 0$  do the following:

- Find optimal control  $\mathbf{u}[\mathbf{x}(t), t]$  for  $\vec{\xi}(t) = 0$
- Use Kalman filter on  $\mathbf{y}(t)$  to determine the optimal estimate  $\hat{\mathbf{x}}(t)$
- Add control  $\mathbf{u}(\hat{\mathbf{x}}(t), t)$  based on *estimate* to equation  $d\mathbf{x}/dt = \dots$
- ✗ Allows one to design controller and estimator independently
- ✗ More general form with measurement noise exists too
- ✗ A similar formulation exists for the discrete system

# Extended Kalman Filter – for nonlinear systems

Most real problems (systems and measurements) are nonlinear

$$\frac{d\mathbf{x}}{dt} = \mathbf{a}(\mathbf{x}, t) + \vec{\xi}(t)$$

$$\mathbf{y}_k = \mathbf{h}(\mathbf{x}_k) + \vec{\eta}(t)$$

- Advance the estimate between measurements by the nonlinear dynamics

$$d\hat{\mathbf{x}}/dt = \mathbf{a}(\hat{\mathbf{x}}, t)$$

- Advance the covariance between measurements by

$$d\mathbf{C}/dt = \mathbf{A}(\hat{\mathbf{x}}, t)\mathbf{C} + \mathbf{C}\mathbf{A}^T(\hat{\mathbf{x}}, t) + \mathbf{C}_0$$

with  $A_{ij} = \partial a_i / \partial x_j$       LINEARIZE with respect to  $\mathbf{x}$

- Kalman gain

$$\mathbf{K}_k = \mathbf{C}^{(-)}(t_k) \mathbf{M}^T(\hat{\mathbf{x}}_k^{(-)}) \\ \times \left[ \mathbf{M}(\hat{\mathbf{x}}_k^{(-)}) \mathbf{C}^{(-)}(t_k) \mathbf{M}^T(\hat{\mathbf{x}}_k^{(-)}) + \mathbf{C}_1 \right]^{-1}$$

where  $M_{ij} = \partial h_i / \partial x_j$ . LINEARIZE with respect to  $\mathbf{x}$ . Covariance similarly

- Update estimate after new data:  $\hat{\mathbf{x}}_k = \hat{\mathbf{x}}_k^{(-)} + \mathbf{K}_k \left( \mathbf{y}_k - \mathbf{h}(\hat{\mathbf{x}}_k^{(-)}) \right)$
- Caveat:  $d\hat{\mathbf{x}}/dt = \mathbf{a}(\mathbf{x}, t) = \mathbf{a}(\hat{\mathbf{x}}, t) + (\mathbf{x} - \hat{\mathbf{x}}) \cdot \nabla \mathbf{a}(\hat{\mathbf{x}}, t) + \dots$
- Caveat: gaussian statistics remains gaussian only if  $\mathbf{C}$  remains small –if linearizations hold over the range specified by  $\mathbf{C}$
- Caveat: what if the model [i.e.  $\mathbf{a}(\mathbf{x}, t)$ ] is known poorly? Model errors

# SUMMARY

- Least squares approach
- Recursive least squares. Kalman gain  $\leftrightarrow$  covariance matrix; 'innovation'
- Minimum variance - minimum trace of the covariance matrix
- Estimating the initial state or the current state

Only measurement noise – initial and current state estimates are related by the dynamics

Only dynamical noise – initial and current state estimates are dominated by nearby data

- Bayesian approach and maximum likelihood  $\rightarrow$  least squares
- Higher dimension – principles the same (recursion for estimate and covariance matrix; relation with Kalman gain)
- Control theory and the separation theorem

- Extended Kalman Filter – advance estimate nonlinearly, covariance matrix by linearized system. Caveats:
  - 1) small covariance for linearization to be accurate ... otherwise not gaussian
  - 2) systematic errors – model errors